

# US open to defence ties with Myanmar

## Regime says it has stopped nuke research

AFP, Singapore

The United States would be open to forging ties with Myanmar's military if the country continues on a path of democratic reform, US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday. "Obviously we encourage the reforms that they are hoping to put in place," Panetta told delegates at an Asia security summit in Singapore, the Shangri-La Dialogue. "As you know the State Department has taken steps to relieve some of the sanctions that have been placed on Myanmar and try to encourage them again to move in the right direction," he told representatives from 27 countries at the event, organised by the International Institute of Strategic Studies. "I think part and parcel of that, assuming that they are able to implement reforms and to continue the kind of political efforts at opening up their system, that a part and parcel of that would be discussions with regards to how we can improve our defence relationship with their country as well." Meanwhile, Myanmar's government has halted fledgling research on the peaceful use of nuclear power, the country's defence

minister said yesterday. Lieutenant General Hla Min told an Asia security conference in Singapore that the academic research had not progressed much because of what he called practical constraints. "In this new government, we have already given up all activities of nuclear issues. We have no future plans to extend on this," he said through an interpreter. Hla Min acknowledged that Myanmar's previous government, dominated by the military, had started academic studies on the peaceful use of nuclear power. A 2010 United Nations report accused Pyongyang of supplying banned nuclear and ballistic equipment to Myanmar, Iran and Syria. But in an interview with Singapore's Straits Times published in January, Myanmar President Thein Sein denied his country was trying to obtain nuclear weapons from North Korea, and called the allegations "unfounded". In a landmark visit to Myanmar in December, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called on the country to sever "illicit ties" with Pyongyang to foster better relations with Washington.

# Foreign aid workers freed in Afghanistan

AFP, Kabul

Nato Special Forces rescued two foreign women and killed five kidnappers in a "breath-taking" pre-dawn raid yesterday on a cave in Afghanistan's remote and mountainous Badakhshan province. The women, who worked for Swiss-based charity Medair, were named as Briton Helen Johnston, 28, and Kenyan Moragwe Oirere, 26. Two Afghan colleagues kidnapped with them on May 22 were also freed unharmed. All are well, Afghan officials told AFP. "The mission to rescue the hostages was launched in the early hours of today under cover of darkness with the assistance of helicopters," a spokesman for Nato's International Security Assistance Force said. British forces took part in the operation, which was authorised by Prime Minister David Cameron, the British Foreign Office said.

# Reconcile or face cycle of violence

## Says Thai PM Yingluck

AFP, Bangkok

Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra yesterday warned the deeply divided kingdom faces a cycle of violence unless steps are taken towards reconciliation after years of civil unrest. Proposals aimed at healing rifts that have seen Thailand rocked by bloody unrest since a 2006 coup have sparked fury among opposition MPs who fear they will open the door for Yingluck's brother -- ousted premier Thaksin Shinawatra -- to return. Protesters from the nation's Yellow Shirt faction blocked lawmakers from entering parliament Friday to debate a disputed reconciliation bill, as barely-concealed political tensions resurface in Thailand. A rescheduled debate starting on Wednesday has also been postponed indefinitely, Udondj Rattanasatien, of the ruling Puea Thai Party, told AFP yesterday. Speaking on a weekly Thai television programme, Yingluck said a "reconciliation process" is the only way out of years of sporadic unrest, which has roughly cleaved the kingdom into "Yellow Shirt" and "Red Shirt" factions. "The country has suffered a lot. If reconciliation can move the country forward, it is suitable," she said. "If we don't start (a process), the country will be in a cycle of violence. The country will have no way out."



Yellow Shirt protesters camped out for three days outside parliament to prevent a debate on the reconciliation bill, and had warned they would try to enter the building if lawmakers opened discussions.

# Biman flies

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Kathmandu at 6:34pm.

It is one of many regular incidents which have been causing immense suffering to passengers. "Except for a flight to Singapore, almost all other flights departed from Shahjalal International Airport three to four hours behind schedule today [yesterday]," said an official wishing anonymity. Of those, the London-bound flight scheduled for 10:10am was late by more than two hours while flights to Muscat and Kuwait were three to four hours behind schedule. On May 31, two of the four DC-10 aircraft of Biman were grounded because of faulty engines. Only one of them could be repaired till yesterday while the other one has a major problem in its engine.

The other two DC-10 aircraft went out of order months ago. One has been at the Biman hangar for the last four months, while the other has been declared to be beyond repair, sources in the airlines have said. Besides, technical problems afflicting one of the two newly-purchased Boeing 777-300ER aircraft need to be dealt with immediately. Nevertheless, Biman flight engineers have kept the aircraft in operation. Moreover, an Airbus A310 has been in Singapore for repair for over five months. Of Biman's 14 aircraft, nine are in operation. Obviously, with five aircraft out of the picture, the pressure on the authorities to accommodate all flights of the national flag carrier as they have been mapped out in the schedule is huge.

# Girl's body found

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Five employees of residential hotel Sky Garden from Nahar Plaza in this connection. Both the businesses are housed in Nahar Plaza. Saiduzzaman admitted to police that he strangled the girl to death late at night on Friday at his office and chopped the body into pieces with a kitchen knife, Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, told The Daily Star. Saiduzzaman had devel-

oped a relationship with the girl over the phone and took her to his office on the 12th floor of Nahar Plaza that night. When someone knocked on the door at the office, Saiduzzaman got worried and decided to kill the girl to keep the matter a secret. Quoting the hotel authorities, Sub-inspector Abdus Samad of Shahbagh Police Station said around 1:00am yesterday one Swapan of room 1208 at the hotel had lodged a complaint that his

toilet was clogged and was overflowing with red water with what appeared to be flesh. The hotel authorities then tried to fix the problem by flushing the toilet with buckets of water. Failing to solve the problem, they moved Swapan to another room around 2:30am as the stench was unbearable. The travel agency was housed above room no 1208. Locals found two knee

bones in the alley yesterday morning. They also noticed more bones on the roof of a four-storey building next to Nahar Plaza. On information, law enforcers around 8:30am yesterday broke into Sonali Travels and found bloodstains on the floor and in the toilet. They also recovered a blood-stained knife and the dress of the girl. No case was lodged in this connection till filing of this report at 1:30am today.

# Parents turn to PM

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Meanwhile, addressing at a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club yesterday, Himu's parents claimed that they had provided all information to police, but unfortunately the law enforcers complained to different media that the victim's family did not cooperate. Gopa Majumder, mother of Himu, sought help from the prime minister and home minister in ensuring exemplary punishment for the killers of her son. "I want the immediate arrest of the killers. I want exemplary punishment for them and a secure future for my family," she added. Asit, a distant uncle of Himu, filed the murder case with Panchlaish Police Station on May 24 against

his four friends Junaid Ahmed Riad, Shaju, Danny and Shaon and Riad's father Shah Selim Tipu, also owner of Farhad Mansion, in connection with the murder. The accused went into hiding after the case was filed against them. Earlier, on April 28, Himu's father Prabir Kanti Majumdar recorded a general diary with the police station in connection with the torture on Himu on April 27. On the same day, Himu on his hospital bed described to his friends the brutal torture inflicted on him by his pals. The victim's family suspected that Himu might have been killed for voicing his protest at illegal drug trade in the area. Prof Razia Matin along

# Home beckons Nishat

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certificates before our flight tomorrow [Sunday]. If we fail, our Sherpa will collect it from the Nepali Ministry of Tourism," she added. Although Mohit had earlier requested the Bangladesh embassy in Kathmandu to host its planned reception to them by Saturday, the mission could not arrange the programme before Monday. As a result, they are coming back home without being accorded the reception. Their chief Sherpa Mingma Gjylje Sherpa will come to Dhaka with them. Officials of the Bangladesh Tourism Board will receive Nishat and Mohit at Shahjalal

International Airport. Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Muhammad Faruk Khan is likely to welcome them home, said Akhtaruzzaman Khan Kabir, chief executive officer of the board. Upon their arrival, Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMTK) will arrange a motor rally. It will commence at the airport and pass through different streets before concluding at the Nayabazar residence of Mohit, said Reaz Ahmed, general secretary of BMTK. On the way, they will place floral wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar to pay homage to the martyrs of Language Movement. Dhaka Wasa will host a

reception to them, but the date of the event is yet to be finalised, said an official of the organisation, where Nishat works as an accountant. Nishat, accompanied by Mohit, began her expedition to the Everest on April 9 from Kathmandu as part of the campaign, "Because I am a Girl", by Plan Bangladesh. WASFIA AWAITS KATHMANDU FLIGHT Meanwhile, another Bangladeshi Everest conqueror Wasfia Nazreen hopes to reach Kathmandu today from Lukla by a special helicopter, if the weather remains favourable. "I was scheduled to fly to Kathmandu this [Saturday] morning. But the flight was

cancelled due to heavy fog," Wasfia told this newspaper. On May 26, she scaled the world's highest peak, the second Bangladeshi woman to do so. She started her Everest expedition on March 26 on the theme, "Bangladesh on Seven Summits," supported by the Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh. Mohit is the first Bangladeshi to have climbed Mt Everest twice. He first reached the mountain peak on May 21 last year. Musa Ibrahim, the first Bangladeshi to achieve the feat, had earlier conquered the Everest on May 23, 2010.

## Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program

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